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BETWEEN

TWO BERRY CHAPS,

OBEAWT TH'

LATTER-DAY SAINTS,

UN TH'

CHRISTION MAGOZEEN,

EXHIBITIN TH' CHURCH US IT AWT TO BE,

UN SO ON.

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O B I T O T A U K.

TUM.—Good mornin Jim, heaw art te cummin on.

JIM.—Us weel us won con expect considerin th' toims, un wot won as to go throo.

T.—Wel, aw'm very fain to yer it, but has te sir this Christion Magozeen exhibitin th' church us it aw't to be.

J.—O aye, aw red o number or two on it throe monny o toim ore.

T.—Wel un whot does te think obeawt um.

J.—Whaw aw think there nowt mitch but o bundel o lies, un o compleet exposishon o'th awthor's ignorance.

T.—Aw think there coed be th' rang name otogether, if th' awthor ud coed it th' antechristion magozeen, exhibitin th' church us it aw't not to be, he'd o bin nar th' mark, becose if we'd o church actin occordin to th' example set it th' magozeen it wod olis be o gate o findin fort, foin eawt, un tellin lies, neaw aw wodent give o fig for sitch o church.

J.—Nor me nother, but whot does te think obeawt wot he says ogen th' latter-day saints un othor professin christions.

T.—Wel aw think o good deal obeawt wot he's said, but aw getton two or three o'th numbers e me pocket, un iv thes toim awl tell the wot aw think obeawt some statements ut he's made.

J.—Aw con stop obeawt o hawve o newor.

T.—Wel that'l doo, neaw it fost place theaw mon think on us its't third volum aw'm referrin the too, beginnin we

th' 145 page, th' editor says ut fust edishon o th' book o mormon wor publish'd e 1830, un ut Smith wor stylt awthor un proprietor, un ut he beleevs ut he wor.

J.—He dos, aw recollect readin it.

T.—But on th' page 161 he wants to no where Smith geet th' book fro, neaw aw shud think if he beleevs us Smith wor th' awthor on't he wodn't want to no where he geet it fro.

J.—Aw shud think not, but wherè dos he say it coom fro.

T.—Whaw he says ut o chap rote o novel, un ut this chap's brother ud sin th' book o mormon, un ut he says he thinks its loik his brother's book we th' excepshun o'th religious matter.

J.—Wel on where dos he say th' religious matter coom fro.

T.—Whau he says ut Smith un o lot moor chaps studied it eawt e there own mind whot to put to th' originol document, but aw beleev noat ot swort, un aw think ut th' felley wot invents sich like tales is o sharp chap.

J.—Aye obeawt us sharp us th' chap wot wor sent too o railway stashon we o cart un hawse for o fly-weel un he browt o railway turn table, thinkin it wor o fly-weel for o engine, but Tummus which o these statements are we to beleev.

T.—O the mun beleev um boath:

J.—Beleev um boath.

T.—Aye to be sure, un if the wor hawe us sharp us't chap whots written um the'd o made it eawt before neaw, waw mon the's nowt to doo but beleev won us it is, un spiritulise t'other, un the has it in o minnit.

J.—Nay aw'l beleev nothor on um fust, for nobody cud act e that way but o hipocrite, but Tunimus con te gi me onney moor informashon obeawt this novel.

T.—O aye, th' christion magozeen says ut there wor a chap coed Spauldin wot rote o historical romance o'th fust setlors ov America, un ut this chap's brother us sin th' book o mormon un th' novel, un ut he says us th' book o mormon is just loik th' novel, wi th' excepshun o bein different.

J.—Wel aw never yeard noat loik that ofore, two things o loik un one different to't tother, but aw cud like to see th' novel, heaw is it Tummus ut the dunnot publish it so us foke con read it un judge for ther sel.

T.—Aw'l tel the o obeawt it, it fost place th' book o mormon wor publish'd three or four years before ony body ud yeard aw't obeawt Spauldin's romance bein made into th' book o mormon, it second place, ther wor monny o score o latter-day saints e New Salem, Ohio, un reawnd obeawt that place, un o good deel on um wur Solomon Spauldin's owd friends, un had yeard him read his novel monny o toim, but they never thowt it wur loik th' book o mormon, un it th' third place, Dr. Hulbert refusd to publish th' novel, becose it didnt read us e thowt it wod o don, un so he wodent publish it.

J.— But eaw did th' storey about th' novel fust originate.

T.—Aw'l tel the, it originated fust we o chap coed Doctor Philastus Hulbert, he wor use to join th' Methodist Episcopul Church, but for his bad conduct towart a young woman he wor turnd eawt o'th Methodist Society, un very soon after he joind th' latter-day saints, but he hadent bin among um lung before the fun it eawt ut he wor no better than he shud be, so the cut im off fro there church too, un bet' way o bein reveng'd he invented this tale obeawt th'

novel bein converted into th' book o mormon.

J.—Heaw big is this romance, when un wheer wor it ritten, un whot does it tauk obeawt.

T.—Waw th' novel is no bigger than o little hawpenny book, when compar'd we th' book o mormon, it wor ritten e New Salem, Ohio, America, e 1812, un it tauks obeawt o race o peopel ut wur driven on th' American coast while comin fro Rome, but it dosnt say won word obeawt th' children ov Israel, nor obeawt th' lost tribes, nor won word obeawt Nephi un Lei leadin un there famileys fro Jerusalem, be lond un sea to America.

J.—Aw tel the whot Tummus, aw think sich loik chaps us th' editor o'th Christion Magozeen o'l stond o poor chonce o makin foak beleev us th' book o mormon wor made eawt ove o novel.

T.—O very poor chonce Jim, but there's sommut else ut aw want the to look at, neaw this romance ut thers bin so mitch tauk obeawt wor ritten e 1812 the noas, un Joseph Smith wor born oth' 23rd o December, A. D. 1805, so he wod nobut be 7 year owd when this novel wur ritten, neaw th' only toim ut Smith or onebody else had o opportunity o readin it wor between 1812 un 1814, for sin that toim Spauldin's widow us had it put carefully by, till Doctor Hulbert went for it un tow'd hur ut he wanted to publish it, un he wod give hur won hawve o'th profit.

J.—Heaw owd wod Smith be at this toim, aw mean wen th' novel wur put by, un whot becoom o Doctor Hulbert, un th' novel.

T.—Waw aw'm not sitch o good scholar, but aw think ut Smith wod nobut be obeawt 8 or 9 year owd, neaw aw

cud us soon beleev ut o chap cud fling wethor into th' moon we o tea-spoon, us beleev ut o lad o that age cud copy o novel un keep it secret obove twenty years, un then make o book o 600 pages on it, un as to Doctor Hulbert, aw'l tel the wen aw tow'd the whot become o'th novel: wen th' toim come ut Doctor Hulbert shud o bin turnin up som brass accordin to promis, he sent o lettor to th' disopointed woman statin us th' novel didnt read us he expected, un so he woddent publish it.

J.—Then th' novel deed o nathoral death aw reckon.

T.—It did un wor comfortably berried, but its bin resurrected mony o toim sin then, we sitch like chaps us th' editor o'th Christion Magozeen, ut's o little bit moor zeal than nolidge, but it olis geet lade again beawt dooin th' saints ony harm, un Doctor Hulbert wor so put obeawt wen th' novel wor berried ut he wodnt show his face e that part o'th cuntry after he had sed wot he had, so he removed to Erie, County Pa, i'th Tewnship o Gerard, Miller Settlement, un bowt o farm, soon become o reglar drunkart, spent every hawpenny he'd gotten we is fine spun tale obeawt th' novel, wor reduced to poverty un misery, began to steal for o liven, wor catch't stealin o log chean, run away to escape justis, un thats th' last ut aw yeard obeawt him.

J.—Then th' Doctor made some brass eawt o'th novel it seems.

T.—Aye he made o few 100 dollors, aw'l tel the heaw he did it, the sees he made sitch o din obeawt this novel, sayin ut it wod compleetly upset mormonism un prove ut wonst ut th'book o mormon wor nowt but o base forgery, un ut

he'd publish o book, un ut this novel ud be in it, us weel us some moor things calculatod to put o scotch to th' weel o th' mormon charent un not let it stur onother inch, un be this means brass come to is assistonce fro different foak ut wur oposed to th' saints, won chap gin 300 dolars his sel, but deer artolive when th' toim come ut th'book shud o bin publishd his friends wor disgusted wi his conduct un purswaded him to sel his book, or th' composishon for o book, which the's o mind to co it, so E. D. Howe bowt it for 500 dollors, but when it wor publishd ther wor no novel in, un th' foak obeawt that place wor sadly disopointed, the sees th' Doctor larnt um o bit ov o lesson.

J.—Aw tel the wot Tummus aw cannot help but feel sorry for th' Doctor, ut he'd no moor sense nor to think ut he cud upset mormonism we o lie, for aw con co o novel now't else, un whot o pity it is ut sitch loik chaps us th' editor o'th Christion Magozeen hasn't common sense to no ut th' best plan to put th' Latter-day Saints deawn is to keep their meawths shut un say naw't oger um, for us safe us onny body oposus um there shure to baptize o lot, but eaw did that chap goo on ut gan th' Doctor 500 dollors for th' book ut he'd ritten, cod Mormonism Unveald.

T.—Waw he geet it printed us soon us he cud, thinkin ut he'd make o fortin by it, but he soon fun it eawt ut he haddent bin thinkin reet, for when he offerd to sell it, he cudent, nobut heer un theer won or two, he offer'd to sell um ut less than hawve price, but even then he cudent get customers, becose th foak dident want um, un istead o dooin harm to th' saints, it did good, becose there had

bin us mitch tauk obeawt it us if o mountin wor e labor; un wen th' delivery coom it wor naw't but o meawse,—so the sees it nother upset Mormonism nor set hisel up; but won thing it did, un that is it provd ut Smith never converted Spauldin's Romance into th' Book o Mormon; so the sees ut that statement on th' 161 page o'th mago-zeen mun be o lie.

J.—Aw'm just o'th same moind us thee obeawt that; becose if they cud o proved ut th' Book o Mormon wor made eawt o'th novel, they'd o publish't it, so us foak cud o red it for thersels, un bin convins't other won road or th' tother, but becose the hannot don so aw beleev ut that tale obeawt it e th' Christion Magozeen is nowt but moonshine, but aw mun goo aw yeard quite noof obeawt th' novel ut this toim, awst be seein the ogen before lung aw dar say; un then wi con have o bit moor tauk obeawt these things, so good day to the Tummus.

T.—Just o word wi the obeawt th' Doctor before the gose, aw wodent have the to think ut this chap wor o Doctor be profeshon, but ut he wor o seventh son so is mother coed im Doctor: so good day to the Jim, for aw think wi'n spent time enoof wi th' magozeen at present.

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